

## Senate Resolution 529

By: Senators Harbin of the 16th, Albers of the 56th, Kirk of the 13th, Mullis of the 53rd and Robertson of the 29th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Suzette Weinhardt for being named a finalist for the
- 2 prestigious Georgia Teacher of the Year Award; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Suzette Weinhardt is one of the ten finalists in the running for Georgia Teacher
- 4 of the Year; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 2016, Suzette Weinhardt of Sandy Creek High was announced as Fayette
- 6 County's 2016 Teacher of the Year; and
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- 8 WHEREAS, Suzette, a math teacher, is the fourth Fayette County Teacher of the Year
- 9 selected as a state finalist, and is the second county winner from Sandy Creek High to vie for
- 10 the state title; and
- 11 WHEREAS, if Suzette wins, she will make history as the first Fayette County teacher
- 12 selected as Georgia's Teacher of the Year; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the ten finalists were chosen from a pool of 150 applicants; all of whom had
- 14 been previously selected as their school district's Teacher of the Year. The applications were
- 15 read by a panel of judges that included teachers, past Georgia Teacher of the Year winners
- 16 and finalists, administrators, community leaders, and others. The finalists were chosen based
- 17 on the strength of their essay responses; and
- 18 WHEREAS, over the next several weeks, a panel of judges will conduct interviews and
- 19 observe speeches given by the finalists. The winner will be announced June 12; and
- 20 WHEREAS the 2018 Georgia Teacher of the Year will travel around the state and nation
- 21 serving as an ambassador for the teaching profession. The winner will also be entered in the
- 22 National Teacher of the Year competition; and

23 WHEREAS, the dedication and commitment Suzette Weinhardt has shown to her classes is  
24 worthy of being recognized and commended as exceptional.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 recognize and commend Suzette Weinhardt for her perseverance that has allowed her to be  
27 selected as a finalist for the prestigious Teacher of the Year award.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Suzette Weinhardt.